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PRAVDA LAUDS RESULTS OF CEMA SESSION IN HAVANA

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[Anatoliy Trepetov article: "In the Family of Brother-Peoples"]

[Text] Havana--A session of the CEMA Executive Committee has been held in Havana. This was the 79th session of the CEMA working organ but at the same time the first in the Western Hemisphere. This is in itself a profoundly symbolic fact.

The Republic of Cuba joined CEMA about 4 years ago. Its full participation in CEMA is useful both to the first socialist republic on the American Continent and to the socialist community as a whole. The close cohesion of the fraternal states and the intensification of cooperation among them promote the flourishing of each country, strengthen the international positions of socialism and intensify the latter's beneficial influence on the progress of mankind. The communist and workers parties are directing the process of the gradual rapprochement of the countries of the community, which is now being manifested increasingly clearly as a natural law of the building of a new life.

Cuba's participation in CEMA has confirmed the vital force of the principles of socialist internationalism and the respect for sovereignty, independence, equality, mutual advantage and comradely mutual aid which are the basis of CEMA's activity as an international organization of the new type. At the same time, the present stage of Cuba's development and of its relations with other socialist countries has put on the agenda the question of improving and intensifying Cuba's participation in the implementation of the comprehensive program of socialist economic integration.

The session examined questions of Cuba's participation in long term, specific programs of cooperation and of increasing the CEMA countries' contribution to the development of important sectors of the Cuban economy such as the sugar industry, nonferrous metallurgy, transport, the use of sugar production waste in the paper and pulp industry, and questions of scientific and technical cooperation. Thus the creation of new capacities for the production of nickel in Cuba will make it possible to increase nickel output to 130,000 tons a year.

The decisions taken at the session are of great significance for Cuba. They will promote the gradual approximation of its economic development level with the level of the other CEMA countries.

The work of the CEMA Executive Committee on Cuban soil has been one more glorious page in the chronicle of the friendship, fraternity and unity of the peoples of the socialist countries.

CZECHOSLOVAK INTELLECTUALS DECLARE SUPPORT FOR CPCZ

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["Workers in Culture Support Policy of Communist Party of Czechoslovakia"--TASS headline]

[Text] Prague, January 29, TASS--The workers in literature and art of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic have declared their unanimous support of the policy of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the decisions of its 15th congress.

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